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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: | |
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| Mario MARTINELLI et al. | Group Art Unit: 2883 |
| Application No.: 09/883,241 | Examiner: Michael P. Mooney |
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| For: PASSIVE POLARIZATION STABILIZER | Confirmation No.: 9552 |

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of September 27, 2004. A check for the required fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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